

THE  
Bedford-shire Prophet  
Risen from the Dead:  
Foretelling the  
Imprisonment & Death  
OF THE  
Late King James,  
AND THE  
Total Reduction of Ireland:

BEING

A full and true Relation of one Mr. *John Godson*, of *Bedford-shire*, who dyed *April* the 26<sup>th</sup> 1690. and continued in that State above Twelve hours: But re-assuming Mortality, liv'd Seven days after; in which Time he related many strange things to come to pass, about the present Affairs, relating to *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*.

30. May. 1690.

Licensed, and Entred according to Order.

Near the Town of *None-Such*, in the County of *Bedford*, lately Lived one Mr. *John Godson*, a Free-holder, and a Gentleman of very good Repute and Honest Report among his Neighbours, being observed thorough the whole Series of his Life, to be very Pious in his Devotions towards Almighty God, and Just and Righteous in his Dealing towards Man.

This Gentleman on the Eighteenth of *Aprill*, was taken Sick with a Fever, under which he continued Languishing for Eight Days, viz. till the Twenty-sixth, at which time he Died, (and as we think) his Soul returned to God that gave it him. He was immediately laid out, in order for a Coffin, but before Thirteen hours were past, it pleased God to restore to him the Breath of Life again,



gain, and his Soul doubtless operating in its usual Station, to the very great amazement of the Beholders, turning to his Family and Friends, with a smiling Countenance, spake as followeth, 'My Dear Wife, Children, and Friends, I am sent with a Message to you all, to warn you to fear and dread the great God of Heaven, in which place I have been since my Soul departed from this Earthly Tabernacle, my Tongue not being able to express to you what a Glorious Place I have been in since my Departure, which makes me now really think. all the costly Vanties here below, but meer Dung, that stink in my Nostrils; But I am sent as an Ambassador from the Celestial World, to this Terrestrial, with a Message which I must speedily Deliver, my time being limited but for one Week, and no more, and then I must return to that Blessed place, from whence I came.

'At my entrance into that Blessed Place, there approached one to me in White Robes, with a Golden Vial in his Right-Hand, which he put to my Mouth, and there immediately came out Christial-Water, I spake and said, What must I do Lord? and he said unto me, I am thy fellow Servant, and am sent unto thee, that thou must go back from whence camest, and declare the things which I shall tell unto thee; and he said, God has heard the Prayers of his People, and will deliver up our Enemies for their Sins, that his Glorious Name may Be Praised throughout the whole World: And he told me, that William of Nassau, King of Great Britain, should Sail over into his Territory of Ireland, and should

'make a great Conquest there, and Reduce his Rebellious Subjects intirely to his Obedience, and that James Stuart, the late Monarch, for not walking in the ways of his Father, should be taken Prisoner the beginning of August, and so remain for six Months, and then fall Sick and Dye. But yet the Warr among the European Princes would not be ended for one Year after, till another great Person was Subdued, which shall be looking over a Castle-Wall, and a Shot shall take him through the Head, and then the Castle shall be Surrendered upon Terms, and all other Places that stood out should immediately Surrender; so that then England, Scotland, and Ireland, shall be the Nations that God will delight in, and Bless them with Peace for many Years.

Now Reader, this is the Relation which Mr. John Godson declared when he came to himself, in the Presence of his own Family, and three Honest Neighbors, with the Addition of these words, 'That as sure as he should Dye that Day Seven-Night, so sure all these things Related by him should come to pass; and he Dyed at the time as he fore-told.

**WE** being Neighbours of the late Mr. John Godson, were present when the above mentioned Relations were delivered by him; In Testimony of the Truth of which, and other Occurrences of his Sickness, &c. We do hereunto set our Hands,

William Celly.  
Thomas Roberts.  
William Hornby.

**O**F the Soul in generall, its Nature and Operation in the other World; the various degrees of Happiness, whether the Saints in Heaven have any knowledg of what's done by us Mortals on Earth? The Nature of the Resurrection of the Body without the Soul; The Doctrine of the *Saduces*; The Nature of Astral Bodies; Of Apparitions in general; Of Diabolical Contracts; The Spirit of Prophecie in this last Age of the World. Many of these are Nice Points to be Discussed, and has been matter of great Dispute among the School-men, Naturalists, and Men of general Learning. But yet Histories (and those Authentick too) do abound in Relations of the Nature of the fore-going, and which the greatest Sceptrick can scarcely contradict.

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